

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, First Lieutenant Christopher M. Small's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals who leave the comforts of their home and family to nobly serve a cause greater than themselves; and,

*Whereas*, First Lieutenant Small has devoted over 21 years of his life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was too hard, no challenge was too great, and through tests and trials he emerged stronger than before; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership as an signal support systems specialist, a light wheeled mechanic, integrated family of test equipment operator, land combat support systems specialist, and a commissioned transportation officer, and his service in support of Enduring Freedom has made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country, and it is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his service; and,

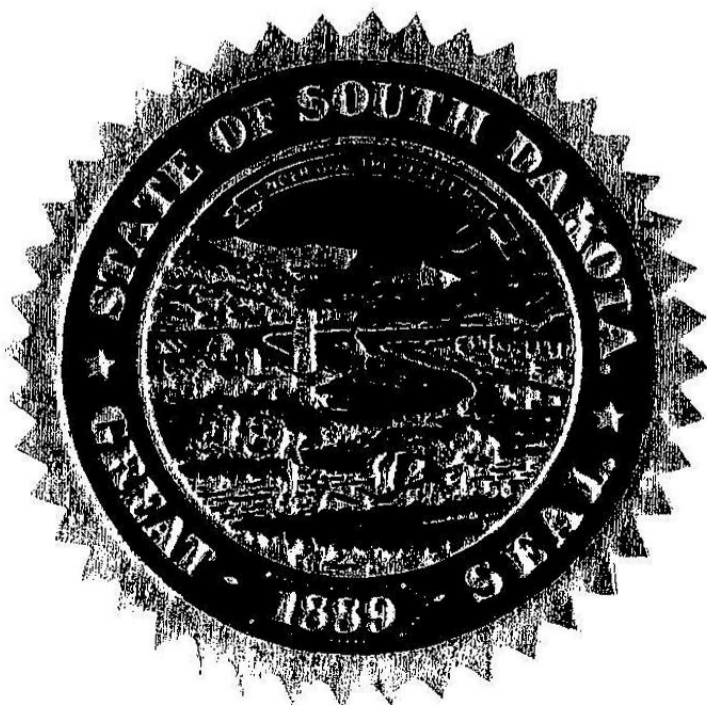
*Whereas*, First Lieutenant Small continues to give of himself, and our future is brighter thanks to his dedication; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend First Lieutenant Christopher M. Small for over 21 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

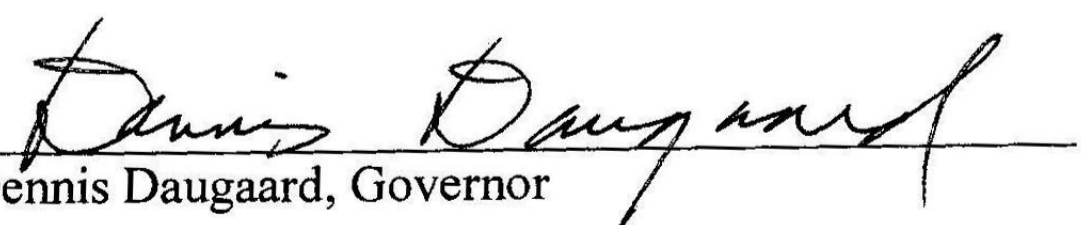
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

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Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State